

City of Rowlett
Regular Meeting
Animal Shelter Advisory Board
Tuesday, May 10, 2011
City Hall Conference Room
4000 Main Street, Rowlett, Texas

Meeting Minutes

I. Call to order

Chairman, Dr. Lori McKelroy called to order the regular meeting of the Rowlett Animal Shelter Advisory Board at 7:33 pm on Tuesday, May 10, 2011. The roll call was conducted via sign in sheet. The following members were present: Dr. Lori McKelroy, Katherine Rinz, Jeri Fontenot, Leigh Culver, Joe Tilger and Jeff Ochsner. ASAB Alternate's present was Nancy Petty and Mollie McCollom-Miles. City Management present was, Chief Matt Walling, Lt. Marvin Gibbs. Council Liaison present was Council Member Donna Davis. Tim Pace was absent and it was excused.

II. Consider approving the minutes from the April 12, 2011 meeting.

The Minutes from the April 12, 2011 meeting were passed out and board members were given time to review them. The Chairman opened the floor comments or questions and none were made. Dr. McKelroy called for a motion to accept the Minutes as written. The motion was made by Ms. Fontenot and seconded by Ms. Rinz. The motion was passed with none opposed.

III. Discuss and Review Rowlett Code of Ordinances pertaining to Animal Control and the State Law - Chapter 6 pertaining to animals. Answer Council's charge "are we in compliance with state law?"

The Chairman opened the item for discussion and Chief Walling suggested opening the floor for input after stating nothing is in conflict with state law. Chief Walling then suggested hearing from Mr. Ochsner due to his familiarity with the code and state law. Mr. Ochsner took the floor and stated, starting with the Dangerous Animal Ordinance, the first recommendation was to change it to the Dangerous Dog Ordinance; second recommendation, change to "dangerous dog" from "dangerous animal"; third recommendation is to remove animals from the ordinance completely and make it a people law. On the vicious animal ordinance he recommends cleaning it up by removing people from the ordinance. This would leave two ordinances: Dogs that are dangerous to people and Dogs that are dangerous to other animals. Council Member Davis asked if it was appropriate to remove animals to another area and make the neighboring city responsible for it. After discussion, it was agreed this was a safety issue that needs to be discussed. Mr. Ochsner does not recommend combining the laws due to them being used to protect people and animals separately. After some discussion, Lt. Gibbs suggested that changes be made to the present document that has been discussed using strike-outs to be presented to the Board via e-mail. Ms. Rinz was tasked with clarifying definitions to her standards. After ascertaining that Rowlett is in generally in compliance with state laws, Chairman closed the item from discussion and moved on to the next item.

IV. Public announcements.

Ms. Rinz requested the results of the adopt-a-thon.

Council Member Donna Davis stated that everyone should register for the vision for the city meeting.

After some discussion, the Chairman closed the item from discussion and moved on to the next item.

V. Topics for future agendas.

Discuss revision of Rowlett Code of Ordinances pertaining to Animal Control and the State Law - Chapter 6 pertaining to animals.

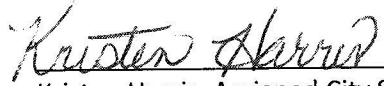
Discuss "best practices" that are used at other animal shelters.

VI. XI. Adjournment.

The Chairman, Dr. McKelroy called for a Motion to adjourn. The Motion was made by Ms. Rinz and was seconded by Ms. Culver. The meeting was adjourned at about 9:25 p.m.



Dr. Lori McKelroy, Chairman



Kristen Harris, Assigned City Staff

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Date Approved